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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

- U.S. Patent No. 5,881,233, to TOYOTA et al., issued on March 9, 1999;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,872,845, to FEDER, issued on February 16, 1999;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,335,966 B1, to TOYOTA, issued on January 1, 2002;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,330,070 B1, to TOYOTA et al., issued on December 11, 2001; and
- U.S. Patent No. 6,266,160 B1, to SAITO et al., issued on January 24, 2001.

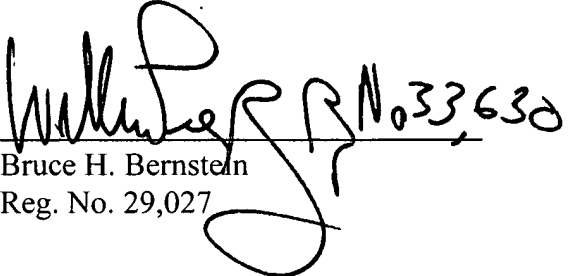
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the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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